

Dear Barbu:

I entrust you with the custody of my Political Testament which I have signed today. I charge you with its publication after I am gone. With the Liberation Manifesto it sets the course which I believe those who follow me should pursue.

It is my wish, when the day of Liberation comes, that my remains be returned to my native land and interred in our family burial grounds near Galimnesti. I charge you with this as your last personal service to me.

All property and assets which I may have in Romania shall be distributed to my next of kin according to the applicable laws of our country. You will advise my relatives that this is my desire. You will attend to all details in connection with my death and burial.

May God bless you for your years of love and dedication to me and to the Cause for which I have fought. May HE spare you to carry on the battle for our country's liberation.

This is the last prayer of one who has loved you as a son.

To:

Barbu Nicolae

General Nicolae Bodeanu

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POLITICAL TESTAMENT  
of

ERNEST BARNETT

Beloved Friends, Legal Associates in the Fight for Humanism, Liberty, and  
Fellow-Countrymen:

When you read these words I shall be no more. When that day will be I do  
not know. While my heart is strong and my mind is clear, Death may be a  
matter of months or it may be a matter of days, or even of hours. I am in the  
hands of God.

In this moment of my life I am conscious of a last paramount duty to  
my beloved country and the people -- conferred and in exile. That duty is to  
leave to my final words of counsel and advice to those who will succeed me in the  
leadership of the Cause of our country's Liberty. I do so with the profound  
humility and in all the integrity and candor that the conscience of Death commands.

II

As my advanced age I had no hope of living to see the day of our country's  
Liberty. My only hope was to achieve the vital objective of establishing a  
sound basis from which the fight for Liberty can be conducted by others. For  
that purpose God has spared me.

In the LEAGUE OF FREE HUMANISTS I leave you the organism through which the  
vital energies, the talents and the genius of the Humanist forces in exile can  
be mobilized into a purposive movement of national solidarity and unity dedicated  
to the Cause. Today, the League is a functioning reality, a network of associa-  
tions of humanist exiles throughout the Free World. It is democratically repre-  
sentative in its organization, is responsive to democratic controls and is filled  
with a sense of moral mission.

The principles on which the League was founded and the purposes of the organi-  
zation were broadcast to Humanists everywhere in my LITERARY HERITAGE Journal,  
on the official authority of the Committee of power in our native land.  
Their response to the Humanist League no doubt that those principles and purposes  
are clearly understood and approved by the overwhelming majority of Humanists  
in exile as the League's motto of future attitude and action.

III

All of this is only the beginning of a struggle which will be hard and  
long. The hopes of our unfortunate countrymen behind the Iron Curtain de-  
pend in great measure on the spirit of integrity, solidarity and sacrifice  
with which all Humanists in exile rally to the Cause. This is the secret trust  
which Death has placed upon them. The supreme task of my successor in  
leadership will be to maintain this spirit as a vital principle of action.

It is my hope that my successor to the leadership of the League will be  
chosen from among those of my old friends:

**GEORGE CATTORI**, the distinguished former Foreign Minister of  
Rumania

**GENERAL GREGORE JIN**, one of our most brilliant soldier-scholars;

**KEMAL PASADANI**, a forethought and able political leader; and

**VIGOR V. FILA**, a leading personality in our country's public  
life.

Each of these men by his record of service to our nation and by his  
valuable, is qualified for the exalted task of leadership. Each in his field  
is well known to the governments of the Free World and their leaders. Each  
is dedicated to the principles of democracy.

However, to volunteer, it is my solemn request that the others give him  
their unwavering and loyal support in the supreme cause of our country's  
liberation.

IV

There is one solemn thought which above all others, I wish to leave not  
only with my associates but with all of my countrymen. The years of hard strug-  
gle and of war, followed by the demands, unrelenting of our people, have  
destroyed the hope of our nation and as we know it before World War II.  
Our old people are aged, widowed, and already expect of hope by tyranny, privation  
and betrayal. The youth of our nation-age are have been decimated by war.  
They spend in our prisons in concentration camps and torture chambers.

It is our DUTY the most holy high the words of American Freedom. By  
measures in leadership must realize that they are but the trustees of a new  
generation's hopes and aspirations for the future. The first bold soldiers  
of that future have been nobly asked by the will of the enslaved peoples  
of Central and Eastern Europe in the Philadelphia and Williamsburg quarters.

These chambers of hope have captured the imagination of our DUTY -- ex-  
plained and in exile. The future of liberalism is hidden -- to clarify, to  
explain, and to lead. No liberalism movement of action can succeed without  
they men in work striving for that does not have their confidence and trust,  
and above all their vital participation.

It is my prayer that the others of the Cause will begin building the  
future leadership under the eagle of our DUTY in the earliest month. It is my  
hope and earnest wish for my country that the young patriots of great parents  
in this Resistance Movement should assume a major role in the leadership of the  
new. I am addressing myself particularly to **DAVID EISENBERG**, **JACOB  
CONVARTZBERG**, **VANITA HENNINGER**, **IRVING GREENBERG** -- and to other American  
young men and women of similar courage and outlook. It is as such as they that  
the future of our nation and depends.

My political viewpoint would not be complete without an acknowledgment of loyal and dedicated service in the cause by my fellow-countrymen in the United States and elsewhere. In my Father's blooded halls and each of them, I leave the memory of an old soldier's thanks and blessing, and the enduring gratitude of their children's countrymen.

In the United States:

NICHOLAS BACOT, FORTY-SEVEN BOSTONIAN,  
JIM CANNON, COL. DANIEL T. MORTIMER,  
VASSILIS KONTI, JAMES KIRKLAND,  
MR. GEORGE FALLON, JR., GEORGE TROODER,  
GILLES VILMANN, FLORENCE ZIMMEL.

Outside the United States:

ALEXANDER BERTHOUD, HENRIETTA GEMMELIN,  
LAWRENCE GOSWORTHY, VASSILIS KIRKLAND,  
KIRKLAND KILPATRICK, ALEXANDER KILPATRICK,  
ANTHONY GOSWORTHY, WYTHAM GOSWORTHY,  
ALEXANDER GOSWORTHY, KIRKLAND KIRKLAND,  
VASSILIS KILPATRICK, DR. WILLIAM KILPATRICK,  
CLAUDE KILPATRICK, H. KILPATRICK,  
WILLIAM KILPATRICK, GEORGE KILPATRICK,  
GEORGE KILPATRICK, HENRIETTA KILPATRICK.

However, I have been able to accomplish for Washington was made possible only by the confidence, generous and ungrudging financial support of our countrymen by KIRKLAND KILPATRICK. Over the past few years, this outstanding American patriot and towering figure in the American life of our nation, has never failed to respond to our many demands on his private resources. From American cities have sought to inspire ignoble actions to his support of the cause. I, who have counted him as a close friend of many years standing, have faith that those with whom I personally knew -- the people of our embled country have had no friend more loyal and generous than KIRKLAND KILPATRICK. In their behalf I received the gratitude that in his day, and I sincerely besought his emotional support of the League and the work in the difficult period which lies ahead.

VI

On behalf of my embled people I express profound gratitude for the magnificent work in the cause of American liberation of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN FOR A FREE EUROPE, and for the value of liberty and hope to the untimely people beyond the Iron Curtain -- Radio Free Europe. Beyond this, I offer my deepest thanks for the moral, material and spiritual aid which it has extended to us.

For Mr. Frederick L. Dubois, Vice-President of the National Committee for a Free Europe, who gave especially understanding to our problems, I wish to express my warm regard and thanks.

## VII

My fellow-citizens and I have been fortunate in receiving aid and wise counsel from distinguished Americans. Among those whom we count as friends of the Liberation Cause are General A. G. Wedemeyer, William J. Donovan, Bobb, Schuyler, and Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Governor John M. Lodge and Mr. Allen Dulles. In Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the widow of the United States President to Roosevelt from 1937 to 1941, our Cause has had a dedicated and understanding friend.

In the United States Congress we are deeply indebted to Senators Ferguson and McArthur, and to Representative Keenan, for their abiding and courageous advocacy of the Cause of European Liberation.

On behalf of my countrymen, unlearned or in exile, I leave with all of these benefactors the assurance of our profound appreciation.

I wish to record my deepest indebtedness to Mr. J. Anthony Parnak for the invaluable advice and counsel which he gave freely and generously, and for his faith in the integrity and sincerity of our purpose. I earnestly bespeak his wisdom, courage, and above all his friendship, for the guidance and inspiration of my successors.

## VIII

I have been blessed in the depiction of my young friends. For my young countryman, MR. GUYER PALIN, I wish to record a gratitude beyond words, for his professional care and filial devotion in my last illness. To my constant companion and trusted friend, BARRY FINEBERG, who many years ago sacrificed a brilliant career to join me in the fight against tyranny, I owe my life. May God spare and protect him for the restoration of our native land after liberation.

## IX

And now, an old soldier whose life has been spent in the service of his country and its people, bids farewell to the land he loves and will never see again. Farewell and hope -- to his countrymen enfolded behind the Iron Curtain, Farewell and courage -- to those who fought by his side against Nazi and Communist tyranny, and who will continue the struggle for liberation.

For you who remain, particularly our YOUTH, there is the promise of a brighter tomorrow -- a tomorrow when our country and its people will be freed of the Powers of Darkness. That is an ideal worth living and fighting for. So you I leave my unfulfilled hopes, dreams and prayers for its realization.

GOOD-BYE! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GUIDE YOU IN THE BATTLE WHICH I MUST LEAVE!

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General Nicolas Rodosev

May 15, 1953

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